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Please amend page 1, first paragraph, as follows”

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Please amend page 3, lines 19-28, as follows:

- -Figures 1 to 3 of the drawings show a hair clip 10 comprising two combs 12 and three elastic members 14 connecting the combs to each other. Each comb 12 has a back 12.1 formed with three through holes 16.1, each recessed in a slot 16.2, for attaching one end of an elastic member 14 and a plurality of similar teeth 12.2 that are separated from one another by spaces 18. The comb is curved in three dimensions, i.e. in plan, side and end views, so that it can follow the curvature of the head of a user. Each comb is injection moulded of a resiliently flexible Nylon. As best seen in Figure 11, each tooth is elliptical in cross-section and has a width that is slightly greater than the spaces 18 between the teeth. The teeth of each comb are shaped with a first tapering side 13.1 on a first surface 12.4 and a second tapering side 13.2 on a second surface 12.5. - -